

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ANDERSON/GREENWOOD DIVISION

Kristen Miles Anderson,	)	Civil Action No. 8:12-03203-TMC-KDW
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
The United States of America; Richard Kerns,	)	CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER
a/k/a Rick Kerns, a/k/a Rick Kearns; Gregory	)	
Johnson, Special Agent - U.S. Secret Service;	)	
Thomas Griffin, Jr., Special Agent - U.S. Secret	)	
Service; Mark J. Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret	)	
Service; Secretary Janet Napolitano,	)	
Department of Homeland Security; and others	)	
as yet unknown,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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WHEREAS, Plaintiff Kristen Anderson (“Plaintiff”) brought the above-captioned action against Defendant United States and current and former employees of the United States Secret Service (USSS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (“United States”), under, among other claims, the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671, et seq., and *Bivens v. Six Unknown Names Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).

WHEREAS, Plaintiff seeks to discover certain information and documents that are maintained by the United States that are relevant to this action, and the United States contends that such information and documents is protected by the law enforcement privilege and/or concerns highly sensitive or confidential matter that would jeopardize the objectives or law enforcement if released to the general public;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff further seeks to discover certain information and documents that are protected from disclosure by various privileges and/or federal privacy laws and regulations,

including but not limited to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a (“Privacy Act”);

WHEREAS, in order to permit the parties to discover certain such information and documents relevant to the subject matter of this case without making this confidential or privileged information public, the Court hereby enters this Stipulation and Order for the Protection of Documents and Information (“Stipulated Protective Order”) pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(11), for the purpose of assuring the protection and confidentiality of such information and documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties, through their counsel, that certain discovery material is and should be treated as confidential, and have agreed to the terms of this order; accordingly, it is this 12th day of November, 2014, ORDERED:

1. **Scope.** All documents produced in the course of discovery, all responses to discovery requests and all deposition testimony and deposition exhibits and any other materials which may be subject to discovery shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below. Some information provided pursuant to this Protective Order may contain non-public information protected by law from disclosure, including law enforcement privileged and/or agency deliberative process information.

2. **Form and Timing of Designation.** Confidential documents shall be so designated by placing or affixing the word CONFIDENTIAL on the document in a manner which will not interfere with the legibility of the document and which will permit complete removal of the Confidential designation. Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL prior to, or contemporaneously with, the production or disclosure of the documents. Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents without prior designation as confidential shall not be

deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of the right to designate documents as confidential as otherwise allowed by this Order.

3. **Documents Which May be Designated Confidential.** Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL, but only after review of the documents by an attorney<sup>1</sup> who has, in good faith, determined that the documents contain information protected from disclosure by statute, including, but not limited, the law enforcement privilege, sensitive personal information, trade secrets, agency deliberative process, or confidential research, development, or commercial information. The certification shall be made concurrently with the disclosure of the documents, using the form attached hereto at Attachment A which shall be executed subject to the standards of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents which are available in the public sector may not be designated as confidential.

4. **Depositions.** Portions of depositions shall be deemed confidential only if designated as such when the deposition is taken or within seven business days after receipt of the transcript. Such designation shall be specific as to the portions to be protected.

5. **Protection of Confidential Material.**

a. **General Protections.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or counsel for the parties or any other persons identified below (5.b.) for any purposes whatsoever other than preparing for and conducting the litigation in which the documents were disclosed (including any appeal of that litigation). The parties shall not disclose documents designated as confidential to putative class members not named as plaintiffs in putative class litigation unless and until one or more classes have been

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<sup>1</sup> The attorney who reviews the documents and certifies them to be CONFIDENTIAL must be admitted to the Bar of at least one state but need not be admitted to practice in the District of South Carolina and need not apply for *pro hac vice* admission. By signing the certification, counsel submits to the jurisdiction of this court in regard to the certification.

certified.

b. **Limited Third Party Disclosures.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall NOT disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Order to any other person or entity except as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(5) below, and then only after the person to whom disclosure is to be made has executed an acknowledgment (in the form set forth at Attachment B hereto), that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Order and is bound by it. Subject to these requirements, the following categories of persons may be allowed to review documents which have been designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Order:

- (1) counsel and employees of counsel for the parties who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the lawsuit;
- (2) parties and employees of a party to this Order but only to the extent counsel shall certify that the specifically named individual party or employee's assistance is necessary to the conduct of the litigation in which the information is disclosed<sup>2</sup>;
- (3) court reporters engaged for depositions and those persons, if any, specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making photocopies of documents;
- (4) consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as (experts) employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of the lawsuit; and

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<sup>2</sup> At or prior to the time such party or employee completes his or her acknowledgment of review of this Order and agreement to be bound by it (Attachment B hereto), counsel shall complete a certification in the form shown at Attachment C hereto. Counsel shall retain the certification together with the form signed by the party or employee.

(5) other persons only upon consent of the producing party or upon order of the court and on such conditions as are agreed to or ordered.

c. **Control of Documents.** Counsel for the parties shall take reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as Confidential pursuant to the terms of this order. Counsel shall maintain a record of those persons, including employees of counsel, who have reviewed or been given access to the documents along with the originals of the forms signed by those persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order.

d. **Copies.** All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as (copies), of documents designated as Confidential under this Order or any portion of such a document, shall be immediately affixed with the designation CONFIDENTIAL if the word does not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall be afforded the full protection of this Order.

6. **Filing of Confidential Materials.** In the event a party seeks to file any material that is subject to protection under this Order with the court, that party shall take appropriate action to insure that the documents receive proper protection from public disclosure including: (1) filing a redacted document with the prior review and written consent such redactions of the party who designated the document as confidential; (2) where appropriate (*e.g.* in relation to discovery and evidentiary motions), submitting the documents solely for *in camera* review; or (3) where the preceding measures are not adequate, seeking permission to file the document under seal pursuant to the procedural steps set forth in Local Civil Rule 5.03, DSC, or such other rule or procedure as may apply in the relevant jurisdiction. Absent extraordinary circumstances making prior consultation impractical or inappropriate, the party seeking to submit the document to the court shall first consult with counsel for the party who designated the document as confidential to

determine if some measure less restrictive than filing the document under seal may serve to provide adequate protection. This duty exists irrespective of the duty to consult on the underlying motion. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a prior directive to the Clerk of Court to allow any document be filed under seal. The parties understand that documents may be filed under seal only with the permission of the court after proper motion pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5.03.

**7. Treatment on Conclusion of Litigation.**

a. **Order Remains in Effect.** All provisions of this Order restricting the use of documents designated CONFIDENTIAL shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of the litigation unless otherwise agreed or ordered.

b. **Return of CONFIDENTIAL Documents.** Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the litigation, including conclusion of any appeal, all documents treated as confidential under this Order, including copies as defined above (5.d.) shall be returned to the producing party unless: (1) the document has been entered as evidence or filed (unless introduced or filed under seal); or (2) the parties stipulate to destruction in lieu of return.

8. **Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification on motion of any party or any other person who may show an adequate interest in the matter to intervene for purposes of addressing the scope and terms of this Order. The Order shall not, however, be modified until the parties shall have been given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the proposed modification.

9. **No Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery. Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any specific document or item of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL by counsel is subject to protection under Rule 26(c)

of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise until such time as a document-specific ruling shall have been made.

10. **Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding upon: (1) counsel who signed below and their respective law firms; and (2) their respective clients.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kaymani D. West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

November 12, 2014  
Florence, South Carolina

Kaymani D. West  
United States Magistrate Judge

**ATTACHMENT A  
CERTIFICATION BY COUNSEL OF DESIGNATION  
OF INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL**

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Documents produced herewith [**whose bates numbers are listed below (or) which are listed on the attached index**] have been marked as CONFIDENTIAL subject to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action which Order is dated [confidentiality order date].

By signing below, I am certifying that I have personally reviewed the marked documents and believe, based on that review, that they are properly subject to protection under the terms of Paragraph 3 of the Confidentiality Order.

Check and complete one of the two options below.

- ☐ I am a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. My District Court Bar number is [District Court Bar #].
  
- ☐ I am not a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina but am admitted to the bar of one or more states. The state in which I conduct the majority of my practice is [state in which I practice most] where my Bar number is [that state's Bar #]. I understand that by completing this certification I am submitting to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina as to any matter relating to this certification.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Counsel



**ATTACHMENT B  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING  
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**PLAINTIFF'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING  
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The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has read the Confidentiality Order dated November \_\_\_\_, 2014, in the above captioned action, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by such terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in matters relating to the Confidentiality Order and understands that the terms of said Order obligate him/her to use discovery materials designated CONFIDENTIAL solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such confidential information to any other person, firm or concern.

The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Stipulated Confidentiality Order may result in penalties for contempt of court.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**ATTACHMENT C**

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL OF NEED  
FOR ASSISTANCE OF PARTY/EMPLOYEE**

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**Certification of Counsel of Need for Assistance of Party/Employee**

Pursuant to the Confidentiality Order entered in this action, most particularly the provisions of Paragraph 6.b.2., I certify that the assistance of \_\_\_\_\_ is reasonably necessary to the conduct of this litigation and that this assistance requires the disclosure to this individual of information which has been designated as CONFIDENTIAL.

I have explained the terms of the Confidentiality Order to the individual named above and will obtain his or her signature on an "Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to be Bound" prior to releasing any confidential documents to the named individual and I will release only such confidential documents as are reasonably necessary to the conduct of the litigation.

The individual named above is:

- ☐ A named party;
- ☐ An employee of named party \_\_\_\_\_. This employee's job title is \_\_\_\_\_ and work address is \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature